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During the period June 15 to November 1, the Federal and State plant quarantine laws prohibit the movement of farm, garden and crehard products, plants and flowers, grain and forage crops of all kinds, and soil for the areas quarantined for the Japanese beetle, as specified below, unless each shipment is accompanied by a certificate of inspection. This area comprises the townships of Cinnaminson, Delaran, Chester, Mount Laurel, Lumberton, West Hampton, Burlington, Willingborough, Beverly, Palmyra, and Riverside; the borough of Riverton; and the cities of Boverly and Burlington, in the county of Burlington; and the townships of Pensauken, Delaware, and Hadden, the boroughs of Collingswood, Merchantville, and Haddenfield; and the city of Camden, in the County of Camden, N. J.; and in Pennsylvania that part of Philadelphia County, lying east of Frankford and Tacony Creeks, i. e., the area between the creeks and the county line separating Philadelphia and Bucks Counties; also the township of Bensalem, in Bucks County.

The following regulations are hereby adopted to govern the certification of all products.

- 1. A shipment shall be understood to consist of either a large or small amount of any of the articles specified in the quarantine notice whether the shipment is sent or carried by express, mail, freight, boat, your own team or truck, or by private individuals, to points outside the infested or quarantined districts, as indicated above.
- ahead, with definite information as to the exact location, amount, destination and kind of products, flowers, etc. to be moved. In giving the location, give township, name of road, and your name including first name or initials; also state time when articles will be ready for inspection. In order to facilitate the examination, thereby saving time for yourself as well as the inspector, all articles should be assembled at one point whenever possible and assistance in handling the boxes, baskets, etc., will expedite matters considerably. All notice possible should be given to this office by the shipper, previous to the time of shipment, in order that we may make the necessary arrangements. We cannot guarantee to make inspections on short notice, as undoubtedly the men will not be available at all times. Those giving notice in advance and arranging their produce best for inspection will receive the best service.
- 3. In order to lessen the possibility of beetles getting into baskets of freshly gathered fruits, flowers and garden produce, they should be removed from the fields and orchards immediately after gathering and placed under a suitable protective covering, where conditions are unattractive to the beetle. This precautionary measure should be given special attention during the late afternoon, at which time the beetles are in search of a suitable place to spend the night. Failure to do this will in many cases necessitate a rehandling of the articles that they may be inspected, which in the case of certain fruits and berries will be to their disadvantage. The customary practice of picking tematoes and allowing them to lay about the fields to ripen should be avoided.

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- 4. Shipments of hay or forage crops, baled or loose, from the actually infested district, are prohibited from June 15 to November 1. This also includes the passage of hay and forage through the infested region from areas outside to other areas also outside. Certificates will be granted for shipments originating within the uninfested part of the quarantined area provided they do not subsequently pass through infested territory.
- 5. Growers of garden produce, flowers, fruit, etc., on land situated within the quarantined area as specified dove, but outside the part known to be infested may be granted blanket certificates, permitting them to move their products without an individual inspection of each shipment. Articles to be sent by mail, express or freight, however, must have a permit attached to each container or on bulk shipments a permit to cover entire shipment, stating thereon, quantity and kind of articles being sent.
- 6. A thorough cleaning is required of all trucks, wagons, boats and other vehicles used in transporting any article covered by this quarantine, before same may be moved outside the infested area.
- 7. All persons are prohibited from picking and carrying flowers to places cutside the infested territory unless accompanied by a certificate of inspection. This includes cut flowers from a greenhouse, flowers picked in gardens or open fields, also flowering trees and shrubs.
- 8. All articles included under this quarantine must be inspected before leaving the infested area. This is essential since our inspectors stationed at the ferries and elsewhere cutside the infested area will be unable to make inspection of produce unaccompanied by the necessary certificate. Furthermore these attempting to pass without having had an inspection of the articles affected by this quarantine are violating the Federal and State quarantine acts and liable to the penalty.

About June 15 maps showing the area under quarantine and that actually infested will be posted in post-offices, express and freight offices for the information of all. Upon these maps will also be placed information as to the nearest office to which application should be made for permits or other information. Previous to that date all inquiries should be addressed to the laboratory at Riverton, N. J.

